

ASSESSING COLLABORATION: A TEAM STUDY GUIDE

It is important that partners periodically assess their collaboration. It is best to do this on an ongoing basis. After considering these issues individually, compare and discuss them with your collaborator and address any changes that should be made to strengthen your work together.

Planning:

Do we plan together? What are some examples of our planning, short- and long-range?
How can we plan together better?

Interdependence:

Are we interdependent? What are some examples of our interdependence?
What can we do to enhance our interdependence?

Learning from each other:

Do we learn from each other? What are some examples of our learning?
How can we enhance such learning?

Satisfaction:

Am I satisfied with our work? Our collaboration? What can I do to enhance our collaboration? What can I ask my partner to do?

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Contributions:

Are each of our contributions of equal value? To the extent they are not, what can each of us do?

Communication:

How well do we communicate? How well do we handle disagreements?
How might we do this better? What can I do? What can I ask my partner to do?

Reflection and evaluation of practice:

Do we reflect upon and evaluate our practice? How might we do this more/better?
How do we use such reflection and evaluation to improve our practice?
What might we do more/better?

Support:

Do we get the support from each other that we both/each need? If not, what do I/we need? How might I/we go about getting this?

Parent involvement:

How well do parents know both of us? How can we work together as a team to achieve greater parent involvement?

Inclusion: A Service, Not A Place, by Alan Gartner and Dorothy Kerzner Lipsky.